

REMARKS

This is to acknowledge the statement in the above-identified Office Action regarding allowable subject matter in the previously presented claims. By this response, however, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 8 to clarify the patentable distinctions thereof as compared to the prior art.

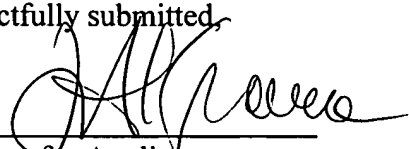
In particular, Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include, respectively, the limitations of now-cancelled Claims 3 and 10. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 8 now require that the driving source is mounted on the carriage which is moved to cause the image sensor to scan the original.

In the Office Action, the subject matter of previous Claims 3 and 10, now included respectively in Claims 1 and 8, was rejected in view of a hypothetical combination of the cited Peng and Takeuchi references. In this regard, the Takeuchi patent was relied on as showing a driving source mounted on a carriage. On the contrary, however, Applicant points out that the driving source in Takeuchi (i.e., the motor 21), is not mounted on a carriage as now required in each of amended Claims 1 and 8. Instead, the motor 21 in Takeuchi is mounted on the lens cover 3 which is stationary as shown in Fig. 1.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of the Peng and Takeuchi patents fails as a basis for rejecting the amended claims. Accordingly, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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